

Appln. Serial No. 10/086,023
Amendment Dated October 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action Mailed August 18, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, claim 57 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 5,172,112 (Jennings); and claims 1-7, 10, 11, 14, 19-27, 30, 40-42, 44-46, 51, 67, and 69 were rejected under § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,839,644 (Safinya) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,655,453 (Head); claims 1, 8, 9, 16-19, 23, 28, 29, 39, 40, 43, 47, 49, and 68 were rejected under § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,980 (Tubel) in view of Head; claim 59 was rejected under § 103 over Jennings in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,578,675 (MacLeod); claims 31 and 32 were rejected under § 103 over Safinya in view of MacLeod; claim 48 was rejected under § 103 over Tubel in view of Head and MacLeod; and claims 52-55 were rejected under § 103 over Jennings in view of Head.

Applicant notes that a rejection has not been asserted against claim 58.

The Office Action asserted several obviousness rejections based on a combination of Head in view of other references. Note that Head is *not* prior art against the present application. The filing date of Head is November 28, 2001. The priority date of the present application (based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/333,950) is November 28, 2001. Therefore, Head does not qualify as prior art. Withdrawal of all obviousness rejections (of claims 1-11, 14, 16-24, 28, 29, 39-49, 51-55, and 67-69) based on the combination of Head with other references is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 56 and the indication that claims 33 and 60-66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Each of claims 33, 60 and 61 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of each claim remaining *unchanged*, to place these claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 58 has also been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of claim 58 remaining *unchanged*. No rejection was asserted against claim 58. Therefore, allowance of claim 58 is respectfully requested.

Claims 31, 32 and 57 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of those claims moot.

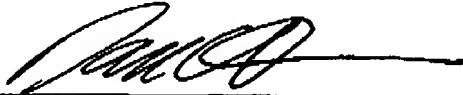
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In view of the foregoing, all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0270US).

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